(b) wrether the Cooperative Banks have been given directives to make necessary amendments; and

(c) whether the same rule would also be applied in other fields i.e. employment, contracts, jobber etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Combating T.B.

1161. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' dated 13th October, 1994 under the caption "TB top killer disease in India", and

(b) if so, the reasons for which the disease has not so far been controlled and the number of patients reduced during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Government is implementing a National T.B. Control Programme through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 50:50 sharing basis between the Centre and States in the country. Mal-nutrition, poverty, illiteracy and over-crowding are some of the reasons which have contributed to the spread of diseases. Though there has been no significant change in the incidence of T.B. mortality and severity of morbidity have declined.

Performance of Family Welfare Programmes in States

1162. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:
DR. B. B DUTTA;

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of Family Planning Programme varies significantly amongst States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the more populous Northern States are considerably lagging behind in this regard; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by Government for effective implementation of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) An Action Plan covering improvement in the quality and outreach of services, differential approach to poor performing areas, innovative approahces in IEC activities, greater involvement of NGOs, active community participation, improved mother and child health care, etc. is being implemented.

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रम और परिवार कल्याण कार्यक्रम को प्रोत्साहन देना

116. श्री किसनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य कार्यक्रम और परिवार कल्याण कार्यक्रम पर और अधिक बल देने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका प्रमुख विशेषताएं क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना तथा आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में इस प्रयोजन के लिए राज्य/संघ राज्य